

U.S. Serial No. 10/069,321
Response to Office Communication: 03/31/2004
Family Number: P1999S004

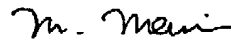
- 2 -

Claim Rejections - Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claims 1-28 of the present application under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-10 of USP 6,689,726 B1 (Holt). The Applicant has submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer over the '726 patent, thus obviating the rejection.

The Applicant believes the claims are patentable and that this application is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested. If any questions remain, the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference, she is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark D. Marin
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 50,842
Telephone Number: (908) 730-3271
Facsimile Number: (908) 730-3649

☒ Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.34(a)

ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company
P. O. Box 900
Annandale, New Jersey 08801-0900

MDM:kak
4/8/1004